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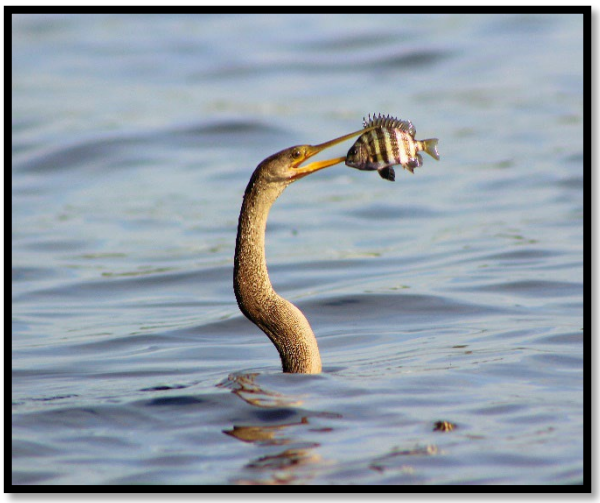
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



February 6, 2022
10:00 am

“A Surprising Catch”
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journe You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **ERIC BANITT**

"As the Deer Longs for Water", arr. Mark Hayes

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **This is the first Sunday of the month. We will be sharing communion during this service.**
- **Please gather your own elements prior to the start of worship. Creativity is a blessing.**
- **The Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC will be held this morning.** The meeting will begin 15 minutes after worship ends to allow for Friendship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS **JENN ZIBBELL**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce the Greeter, **JEANETTE SHERRILL**.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Go, Make a Difference"
199 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP **JENN ZIBBELL**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.

People: Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God. We bring before you our songs of praise.

Leader: All rulers of the people are called to praise God. All people of the earth are subject to God's rule.

People: The steadfast love of God surrounds us here. We have come to see, hear, and understand.

Leader: Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice. Let all people tremble before God's glory.

People: God's purposes endure and will be fulfilled. Our lives can be channels for God's grace.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Sing Praise! Sing Free! Sing for Joy!"
16 ES

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 138** **JENN ZIBBELL**

SECOND READING **Luke 5:1-11** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Amaze Ablaze at Peace Alive"
Cagle/Lyons

MORNING MESSAGE **"A Surprising Catch"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

**Loving Creator we honor you, and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the world in the image of your love.
Give us what we need today, and a hunger to see the world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past.
Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

**Checks can be mailed to:
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PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198**

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Change My Heart O God",** arr. Mark Hayes **ERIC BANITT**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

*Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **JENN ZIBBELL**

**Your voice, O God, we have heard.
Your presence has moved us to respond.
Send us where you want us to go.
Use the resources we dedicate here to empower others to witness to your love and care.
Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose.
We rededicate ourselves to the work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come to the Table of Grace"
112 SING

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Thuma Mina"
360 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: God has touched us amid our pain and fears.

People: We have been comforted and blessed.

Leader: We have felt a healing, restoring presence.

People: God is leading us through troubled times.

Leader: Our mistakes are lifted from us and taken away.

People: We give thanks and sing praise to God.

Leader: We have received blessings in abundance to share.

People: We are ready to be sent into our communities to share good news.

Leader: Go with courage where God directs. Amen.

People: Amen

POSTLUDE **"Canticle of the Sun",** arr. Paul A. Tate **ERIC BANITT**

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**
- **The Annual Meeting will begin in 15 minutes.**

Zoom Only Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Jenn Zibbell, Worship Leader
Jeanette Sherrill, Greeter
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Technical Worship Coordinator

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC will be held this Sunday, February 6. The annual meeting will begin 15 minutes after worship ends to allow for our usual Friendship Time.

Hybrid Worship Pause: January 11, 2022, Church Council decided to move to Zoom onlyworship through Sunday, February 13 due to the current coronavirus surge. Church Council will evaluate continuing Zoom only or returning to Hybrid worship at their 6:00 pm February 8 meeting.

Worship next week: Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader; Sue Schuon, Greeter.
Interested in serving as a Worship Leader or Greeter, contact Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Church Council: Tues, February 8, 6:00-8:00 pm

Welcome Kiki Fugate! Kiki will be serving as our guest preacher on February 27, 2022. Thank you, Kiki, for the generous sharing of your creativity, faith, and gifts. We look forward to hearing your message.

New Worship Team Meeting Time: Mondays from 11:30 am to noon on Zoom. If you have a role in leading worship (Worship Leader, Greeter, Guest Preacher, etc.--or are just someone interested in seeing how the cake is baked), please join in our lively conversation by attending this meeting and sharing your creativity, ideas and feedback. **Thank you to Core Worship Team Members (Tiffanie Waldron: Music Director, Donna Eyster: Moderator, Margaret Harner: Liturgical Worship Coordinator, Wayne Burling: Technical Worship Coordinator, and Jenn Zibbell: Seminary Intern** for collaborating in worship planning.

Congratulations to New Waves UCC in Traverse City for becoming an ONA Church.

Please join us in welcoming New Waves United Church of Christ in Traverse City, Michigan, as a newly-certified Open and Affirming congregation! From the message we just received from Andrew Lang, Executive Director of the ONA Coalition of the UCC. Andy reports that New Waves is #1740 ONA UCC in the USA. Pastor Liz was a member of the New Waves New Church Plant Committee when that church formed.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.com or 734-662-5803.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

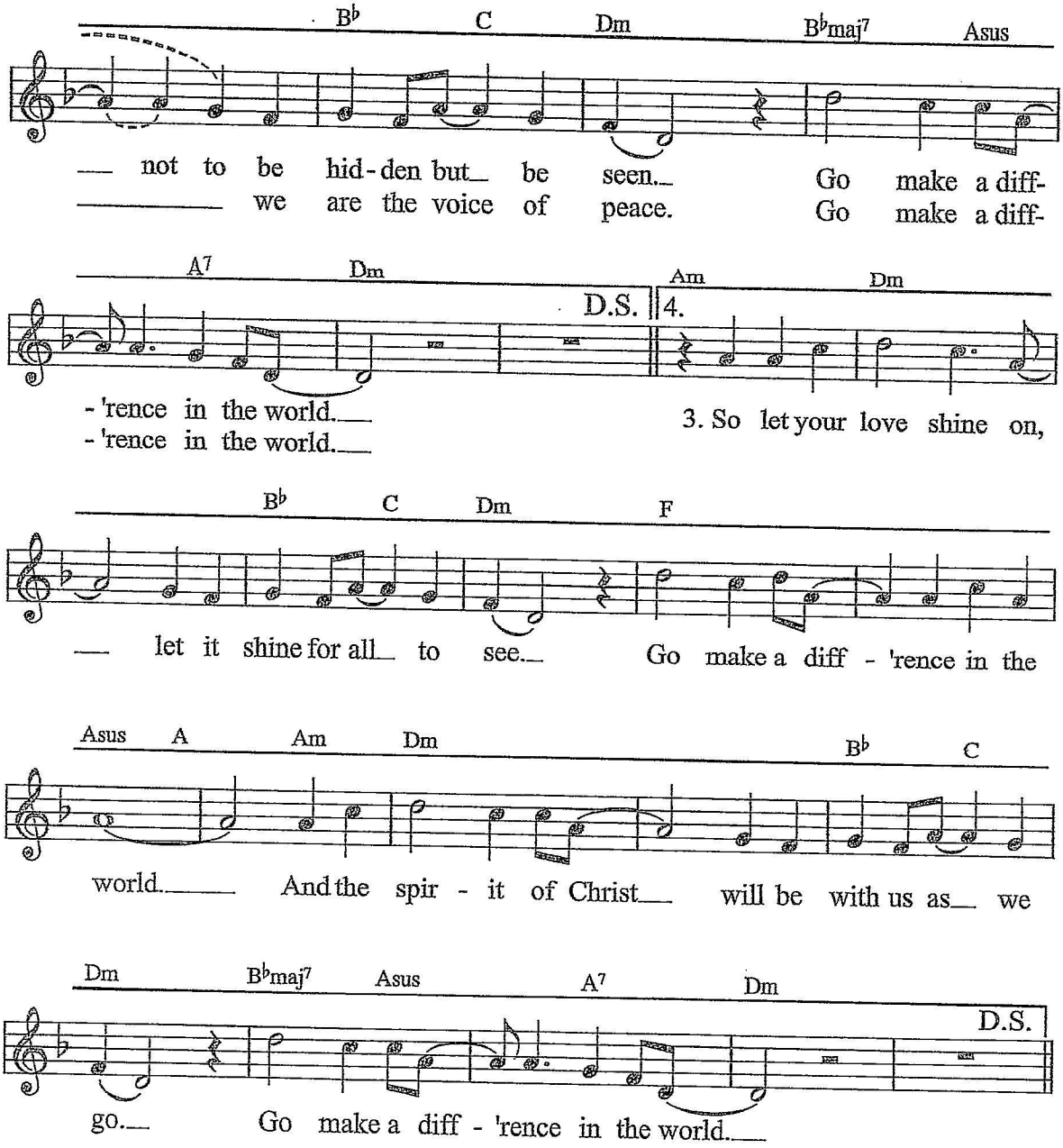
WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

199 Go, Make a Diff'rence

♩=56
Dm
Asus A
𝄋 Dm
B♭ C
Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff-
Dm F
Asus A
— 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence— in the world.—
Dm
B♭ C Dm
Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence.
B♭maj7 Asus A Dm Am Am
Last time, Fine 1. 2.3.
Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.—
1. We are the
2. We are the
Dm
B♭ C Dm
salt of the earth,— called to let the peo - ple see— the
hands of— Christ— reach-ing out to those in need,— the
F
Asus A Am Dm
love of God— for you and me.— We are the light of the world,
face of God— for all to see.— We are the spir - it of hope;


B♭ C Dm B♭maj7 Asus
— not to be hid - den but— be seen.— Go make a diff-
— we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff-
A7 Dm D.S. Am Dm 4.
- 'rence in the world.—
- 'rence in the world.—
3. So let your love shine on,
B♭ C Dm F
— let it shine for all— to see.— Go make a diff - 'rence in the
Asus A Am Dm B♭ C
world.— And the spir - it of Christ— will be with us as— we
Dm B♭maj7 Asus A7 Dm D.S.
go.— Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.—

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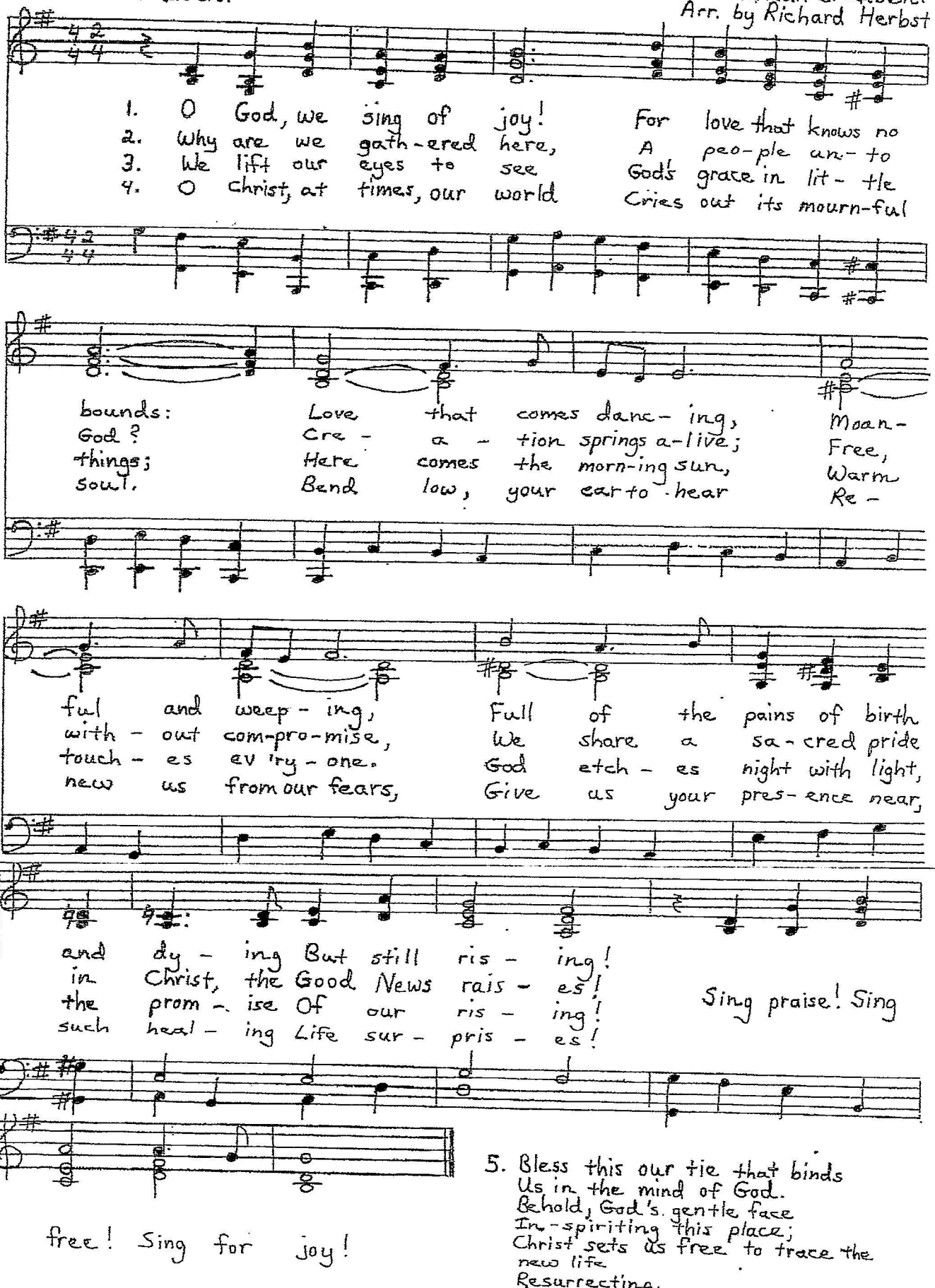
Sing Praise! Sing Free! Sing for Joy!

Norman Broadbent

Norman Broadbent
Arr. by Richard Herbst


1. O God, we sing of joy! For love that knows no
2. Why are we gath-ered here, A peo-ple an- to
3. We lift our eyes to see God's grace in lit- tle
4. O Christ, at times, our world Cries out its mourn-ful
bounds: Love that comes danc- ing, Moan-
God? Cre - a - tion springs a-live; Free,
things; Here comes the morn-ing sun, Warm
soul. Bend low, your ear to hear Re -
ful and weep - ing, Full of the pains of birth
with - out com-pro-mise, We share a sa - cred pride
touch - es ev 'ry - one. God etch - es night with light,
new us from our fears, Give us your pres- ence near,
and dy - ing But still ris - ing!
in Christ, the Good News rais - es!
the prom - ise Of our ris - ing!
such heal - ing Life sur - pris - es!
Sing praise! Sing
free! Sing for joy!

5. Bless this our tie that binds
Us in the mind of God.
Behold, God's gentle face
In-spiriting this place;
Christ sets us free to trace the
new life
Resurrecting.

Sing praise! Sing free! Sing for joy!

Words and music by Norman Broadbent,
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Dedicated to Sandy Pollock

Ablaze, Amazed, At Peace, Alive

POLLOCK

The Rev. Susan Lyon

Steven Cagle

1. If love can soft - en deep - cut scars in hearts of young and old;
2. With faith as of a child I see a - fresh what God has done:
3. Let peace be like a deep, still well that from with - in me springs
4. Let hope surge like a sea through me, for God guides all my liv - ing.
Crush walls of hate and soothe the ache of dreams too cheap - ly sold;
Fierce crag - gy peaks and glis - tening waves and glow of moon and sun.
To quench the thirst - y cry of war which in this earth still rings.
My heart will brim with pain or joy, my eyes with tears of lov - ing.
The day we cease to burn with love, our world will die of cold.
Let me drink in your won - ders till by heart I know each one.
No long - er bound by chains of fear, we'll trade our chains for wings.
I live each mo - ment, harsh or kind, in bles - sing and thanks - giv - ing.
A - blaze with com - pas - sion let me ev - er be.
A - mazed at cre - a - tion with joy in all I see;
At peace with your chil - dren from hate and hurt set free;
A - live with your spir - it may I al - ways be.
God, like a fire, burn with - in me.
God, like a child, laugh with - in me.
God, like a bird, rest with - in me.
God, like a song, burst from in me.

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Come to the Table of Grace

♩=90
F
C/E
Dm
F7/C
B♭
C7
1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the ta - ble of
2. Come to the ta - ble of peace. Come to the ta - ble of
3. Come to the ta - ble of love. Come to the ta - ble of
4. Come to the ta - ble of joy. Come to the ta - ble of
♩=90
7
F
C
F
Gm7
F/A
grace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
peace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
love. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
joy. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
12
B♭sus2
F/C
B♭/C
C7
F
B♭/F
F
mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of peace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of love.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of joy.

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Thuma Mina
(Send Me, Lord)

Isa. 6:8

South African traditional song

Leader
All
1 Thu - ma mi - na.
1 Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na.
2 Seng' ya vu - ma, seng' ya vu - ma,
1 Send me, Lord.
1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus,
2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus,
3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus,
1–2
3
Leader
Thu - ma mi - na, So - man - dla.
2 Seng' ya vu - ma.
Seng' ya vu - ma, So - man - dla.
1 Send me, Lord.
Send me, Je - sus, send me, Lord.
2 Lead me, Lord.
Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
3 Fill me, Lord.
Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Transcribed from recordings of South African worship, this prayer-song has gained international popularity since its use at the seventh assembly of the World Council of Churches at Canberra, Australia, 1991, and subsequent publication.

Tune: THUMA MINA Irr.
South African traditional song